

Cloyd Kerlin House
1213 4th Avenue
Fourth Ward Neighborhood
Altoona
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Location: 1213 4th Avenue

Date of Erection: 1890

Description: This two-and-one-half-story, brick-veneered, frame house has an asymmetrically placed cross gable fronted by a two-story, canted bay which carries the line of the cornice decoration. There is a circular window with decorative brickwork in the gable above the bay. An oriel with scrollwork protrudes from the second floor on the northwest side. A projecting one-story entry porch on original foundation joins the side of the bay.

History: Two brothers, James and Cloyd Kerlin, erected what may have been identical houses on this lot in 1890. Each of the houses had an assessed value of \$1,500 that year. Cloyd Kerlin continued to own 1213 4th Ave. until 1935 when it was sold at sheriff's sale to the Altoona Trust Co.

Daniel and Frances Richardella purchased the house from Altoona Trust in 1946 for \$2,800. They in turn sold it to Charles Weyant, Jr., in 1969 for \$3,500.

Sources: Maps: 1888. City directories. Tax assessment records. Deed books: 30/244, 30/246, 51/407, 59/338, 296/448, 422/339, 547/447, 884/240.

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